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Gang-related murders and violent crime have recently dominated the news in Los Angeles County. While many individual efforts are underway to curb such violence, the effort needs collaboration by the greater Los Angeles community.

Friday, April 4, 2008 will mark the exact date that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated 40 years ago. To observe the 40th Anniversary of the late civil rights leader, the Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable will join with community activists and family members of local victims of violence to call for a "40-Hour Moratorium on Violence" in Los Angeles County.

The moratorium will begin at 6.01 p.m. on April 4, the exact date and time Dr. King was murdered, and will end at 10.01 a.m. on Sunday, April 6th.

The Los Angeles Urban Policy Roundtable will also host a 40th anniversary King Dialogue on Violence roundtable" on Saturday April 5 for local community leaders, elected officials and law enforcement personnel to dialogue on specific initiatives that the community can implement to reduce murder violence in Los Angeles County.

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While this call to observe Dr. King's legacy of peace is only for the weekend of April 4-6, it's hoped that the effort will continue in Los Angeles County well beyond the moratorium.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- 1) Proclaim the weekend of April 4-6 as a "40-Hour Moratorium Weekend on Violence" in Los Angeles County, and;
- 2) Encourage L.A. County residents to observe this weekend by dialoguing and participating in peaceful efforts to reduce crime and violence in Los Angeles County.

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